

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1240

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A RESOLUTION to commend Hassan Osman for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Hassan Osman is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Larry Turner; Mr. Osman's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, originally from Kenya, Hassan Osman moved to the United States in 2000 and studied Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University; he became a naturalized American citizen on January 23, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Memphis, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Osman has achieved academic success while pursuing a dual degree in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a devoted servant of global harmony and the well-being of the international community, Hassan Osman is actively involved with the United Nations and has interned with the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Office of the High Representative of the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island States; he has also served as a delegate to the historic Dialogue Among Civilizations project at the General Assembly in April of 2003 under the Model United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Osman has also devoted his time and numerous talents to promoting the engagement of youth in the decision-making processes of international relations as a Youth Organizer for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and as Under Secretary-General for the World Congress of Youth; and

WHEREAS, active not only in global issues but also in the issues of his local community, Hassan Osman has assisted the Church World Service and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the resettlement of refugees in Memphis, while also working as a translator for the Memphis Catholic Charity's Refugee and Immigration Department; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2004, Mr. Osman further distinguished himself as an intern for Harold Ford, Jr., in which capacity he worked on issues relating to student visas and other consulate matters that involved constituents abroad; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Hassan Osman brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Mr. Osman has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Hassan Osman has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Hassan Osman for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Larry Turner and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.